The Broadcast and Cable Voluntary Standards and Practices Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

August 3 (legislative day, July 10), 1995

Mr. Exon introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS.
- 4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, broad-
- 5 casters, cable operators, and program producers are au-
- 6 thorized to jointly establish voluntary family and chil-
- 7 dren's viewing hours, a voluntary code of standards and
- 8 practices related to indecent, sexual, or violent program
- 9 content, voluntary measures to inform viewers of compli-
- 10 ance with such code, a voluntary system for rating and
- 11 encoding programming, and voluntary schedule restric-

- 1 tions for advertising and programming unsuitable for chil-
- 2 dren.
- 3 SEC. 2. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OVER-
- 4 SIGHT.
- 5 The authority described in section 1 of this Act may
- 6 be limited or revoked by the Federal Communications
- 7 Commission when in the public interest.

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